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STATEMENT OF LINDA CODY

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I'm Linda Cody. I'm on the Madison Park Community Council. I have comments regarding the SR520 Bridge replacement and HOV Project Draft EIS regarding Madison Park and the bicycle pedestrian path options.

There are several comments made by the writers of this document that are misstatements in regard to Madison Park.

And I called Mr. David Allen about this, and he had not even read the report; and he's the Senior Transportation Director.

His understanding is that this was -- a third-party was hired to do this and put this together. And he had not read the report, and it's been publicized. and this is the information that's going - it's misrepresenting the Madison Park community.

I would like to read one statement to you that is misstated. It's stating, Bicycle and pedestrians traveling to and from either option route would use existing roadways and sidewalks including existing street crossings, East Madison Street, which is the busiest street that pedestrians and bicycles may need to cross, has many well marked, highly visible walk-style crosswalks.

Because the Madison Street/McGilvra Boulevard East intersection is near the Madison Park commercial district,

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drivers are accustomed to pedestrian/bicycle traffic at these crossings.

We have been working with many members of the transportation center trying to work out all our traffic problems and safety issues. We've had a death in one of these crossings approximately a year ago. And we haven't been able to rectify the traffic safety issues.

We've got a very busy intersection that we're looking at; that we can't seem to resolve speeding issues. People are -- and this is -- the intersection that they want to put this bike path through -- this is the intersection that they would add more traffic and bike paths through -- and my concern is that we have - that our concerns regarding safety in Madison Park are not addressed in any of these, and the bike path is just going through there without any of our concerns being recognized.